

**Minutes of the meeting of Fringford Parish Council,
held on Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 7.45pm.**

Present: Councillors: John Fargin, Les Harris, and Hayley Ryder, Phil Davids-Austin, Robert Gue,

Also present: R. Damerell (Clerk), Prospective Councillor -Ginny Hope and 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** – to receive apologies – Cllr McCullough sent his apologies
2. **Co-option of new Parish Councillors** – Cllr Fargin proposed Phil Davids-Austin, and Robert Gue. This was seconded by Councillor Harris and unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.
3. Councillor Fargin also proposed co-opting Ginny Hope from 6 July 2021 following the end of the notice period relating to retiring Councillor John Reader. This was seconded by Councillor Harris and unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.
4. **Requests for Dispensations and Declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality** – to receive any requests for Dispensations, Declarations of Interest from Councillors relating to items on the agenda, in accordance with the Council’s code of conduct. – No Councillors declared an interest in any item.
5. **Public participation** – to receive questions from members of the public relating to items on the agenda, in accordance with the Council’s Code of Conduct and standing orders. – There were no questions from the public
6. **Updates from County & District Councillors** - None
7. **To approve the Minutes** of the last Parish Council Meeting. – The minutes of the meeting held on the 24 May 2021 were unanimously approved.
8. **Finance**
 - a. **To receive the monthly bank reconciliation** – The Bank Reconciliation to be shared with the Councillors
 - b. **To consider invoices for payment.** – Invoices were reviewed and approved by Councillors
 - c. **To approve the end of year accounts and the Annual Governance statement-** The AGAR and end of year Accounts were agreed by the Parish Council.
9. **Parish Matters** – to discuss where necessary
 - a. **Cllr Roles**
 - **Planning** - Cllr Fargin to continue to co-ordinate on Planning matters with support from all Councillors.
 - **Play Area** – Cllr Davids-Austin volunteered to lead on the Play Area.
 - **Minutes** – Cllr Fargin to continue to review the minutes
 - **Footpaths** – Cllr Hope volunteered to take on footpaths and litter picking
 - **Grass Cutting** – Cllr Gue volunteered to lead on village green and verges
 - **Village Hall** – Cllr Fargin to continue to lead on the Village Hall

- **Police Liaison** – Cllr Ryder volunteered to lead on the Play Area
- b. **Village Groups** –
 - **Village Hall** - Cllr Fargin updated that the Village Hall is holding its AGM on the 9th August, inviting all residents to attend. There is also a plan to employ a bookings clerk.
- c. **Village Green – update and HS2 projects** –
 - **Parking on the Green** - Oxfordshire CC Highways have been consulted and have proposed an alternative to the bays on the road across the Green. They have also undertaken surveys and reports etc over the alternative parking spaces by the Play Area. The next step in the process is to approach the Baroness for her approval of the revised parking spaces. If this is approved, then the next step would be to start the HS2 grant application process. In order to protect the Green it was also suggested placing short but substantial timber posts as a deterrent for people parking on the Green. Some of the posts would need to be removable allowing those with permission to park on the Green. Cllr Davids-Austin agreed to assist with the development and application process.
 - **The Pond** – The proposal to seek HS2 grant funding to renovate the area around the old pond was discussed. The Cherwell Tree Protection Officer has been contacted and has refused to visit the village on this and other matters. He has confirmed that there are no trees around the pond which are covered by Tree Preservation Orders. It was suggested getting advice from a Tree surgeon on the state of the trees. It was also suggested bringing any ideas to the Village to gauge ideas and inform residents of the plans. Cllr Fargin to draft up an action plan on the way forward.
- d. **Footpaths** – The clerk to share the footpath list with Cllr Hope to check the state of the footpaths and then update the Oxfordshire County Council Footpaths Team.
- e. **The Butcher’s Arms car park development** – Cherwell District Council have confirmed that the developers have rectified the driveway but there is still work to be done either side of the driveway. The Clerk to contact the police to raise the concerns raised by Councillors that there have been some residents who have nearly been hit by cars whilst with pushchairs as Contractors vehicles including HGV’s are being regularly parked over the walkway. There have also been numerous near-miss road accidents on the corner
- f. **Broadband service** – Cllr Fargin has emailed the contact at Openreach for an update on the 25 June, following the confirmation that the application was been approved on the 18 May 2021. There has not been any response to the email.
- g. **Emergency Plan** – Cllr Ryder confirmed that the plan is currently being reformatted. She also suggested adding a section on a prolonged and intense heatwave as this has been an issue raised by the Government.

- h. Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations** – There have been communications starting for the Jubilee celebrations next year. It was suggested contacting the local groups to see if they would be willing to lead or participate on this action.

10. Planning Applications/Decisions

Application Number	Location	Proposal	CDC Decision	FPC Comments / Decision
21/01997/F	5 Stratton Audley Road, OX27 8ED	The demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey extension to rear of detached dwelling.	Delegated	Neutral
21/02030/F	Glebe Court, stoke Lyne Road, OX27 8RJ	First floor side / front extension and single storey rear extension	Delegated	Neutral

- 11. Correspondence Received** – to note correspondence received not otherwise on the agenda where decisions are not required

OALC Update

Cherwell District Council – Enforcement - New Planning Application for revised car park layout requested at Butchers Arms.

- 12. Items for information or next Agenda only** – all items for the next agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 14 July 2021

Proposal to build nine houses on Crow Lane - Once an application is received is to contact District Councillors and ask for this application to be decided by committee rather than by the planning officer.

Play Area – Repairing of the wall

Bus Service – The Bus service is restarting on the 16 July 2021.

- 13. Date of next meeting** – **Monday, 19 July 2021 19.45**

Fringford Parish Council		Monthly Financial Report	
		Parish Council Meeting	30 June 2021
Payments processed since last meeting			£847.20
01-Jun-21	R Wise - Salt Spreading		£180.00
01-Jun-21	R Damerell - Clerk Salary		£240.00
03-Jun-21	Green Scythe - Grass Cutting		£427.20
10-Jun-21	OALC - VG Training		£60.00
10-Jun-21	Came & Company - Liability Insurance		£503.06
Receipts processed since previous report			£7.50
25-May-21	Wharton - CCEW Plastering		£7.50
Bank Reconciliation		Statement dated	28 May 2021
		Savings Account	£16,277.96
		Current account	£33,322.68
Items not yet cleared:			
Receipts	None		
Payments	None		
		Net Total	£49,600.64